(*b*) the number of persons that were convicted ;

(*c*) the reason for their sudden release ;

(*d*) whether it is true that there has been correspondence in this respect between the Indian National Congress Leaders and the Government ;

(*e*) whether they would be pleased to place the correspondence before the Assembly ; otherwise, what is the purport of that correspondence ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—35.—

(*a*) Security Cases	...	...	10
Other cases	...	...	38
(*b*) Security Cases	...	...	5 persons.
Other cases	...	...	24 „

(*c*) These were released under Section 401 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*d*).

MR. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA (Sorab Taluk).—

Q.—39. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the forest authorities are cutting down timber in the District Forests which are meant for the use of the raiyats ;

(*b*) if so, the quantity of timber so cut, year after year, and the average cost thereof ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—39. (*a*) Fellings are sometimes conducted in some of the areas constituted as "Minor Forests" in accordance with the prescriptions of Working Plans, approved by the Deputy Commissioner and after making adequate provisions for meeting the *bona fide* requirements of the raiyats.

(*b*) Small areas are occasionally worked in District Jungles not notified as "Minor Forests" where timber is far in excess of the requirements of the raiyats.

This consists of mature reserved trees and over-mature growth of other kinds with a view to improve the growing stock on sylvicultural principles.

MR. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA (Sorab Taluk).—

Q.—40. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have promised to sanction a decent grant from the amount that is being realized a petrol tax for the improvement of the District Fund Roads ;

(*b*) the action taken on this behalf ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—40. (*a*) and (*b*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. BHUPALAM CHANDRASEKHARA SETTY (Shimoga Municipality).—

Q.—42. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Mysore Match Manufacturing Co. at Shimoga, has been closed from a long time ;